State University, and the Allegany County Board of Education. In Garrett County, they include Garrett Community College and the Garrett County Board of Education. In Washington County, Hagerstown Junior College and the Washington County Board of Education are member institutions. The University of Maryland System also is a member. Operations and programs of the Agency are supported by budget allocations of the member institutions and from grants and contracts with local, State and federal agencies.

Chief executives of the signatory members serve ex officio as voting members of the Agency's Board of Directors. The Board establishes policies for programs, operations, and fiscal affairs. The chair rotates each July 1st.

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Thomas (Mac) Middleton, Chairperson

Southern Maryland Legislative Delegation: J. Ernest Bell II; Stephen J. Braun; C. Bernard Fowler; George W. Owings III; James C. Simpson; John F. Slade III; Michael J. Sprague; John F. Wood, Jr.

Calvert County Commissioners: Patrick M. Buehler; Mary M. Krug; Hagner R. Mister; Michael J. Moore; Joyce L. Terhes.

Charles County Commissioners: Robert I. Fuller; Murray D. Levy; Thomas M. Middleton; Dale E. Speake; Chriss A. Winston.

St. Mary's County Commissioners: W. Edward Bailey; Robert T. Jarboe; John G. Lancaster; Carl M. Loffler, Jr.; Barbara R. Thompson.

Appointed by Southern Maryland Municipal Association: Ruth W. Proffitt

Members at Large: F. Elliott Burch, Jr.; John T. Parran, Jr.; John C. Smith, Jr.

Nonvoting members: Gordon Remsik, Charlotte Vass, William E. Curtis (County Economic Development Commissions); Joseph F. Anderson, Warren A. Bowie, Maurice Lusby (County Planning Commissions); Ronald M. Kreitner, Director of Planning; James R. Gatto, Dept. of Economic & Employment Development; Tara B. Clifford, Dept. of Housing & Community Development; Anna Johnson, Dept. of Natural Resources.

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Formed on December 6, 1964, the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland fosters the economic and social development of the southern Maryland counties (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's). In 1965, the Governor recognized the Council as the cooperative planning and development agency for Southern Maryland. The Council was established by statute in 1966 and became a tax-exempt corporation in 1970 (Chapter 586, Acts of 1966; Chapter 573, Acts of 1970). The Council's enabling law was reenacted as State general legislation in 1976 (Chapter 708, Acts of 1976). In 1984, the status of the Council as an independent agency was confirmed (Chapter 373, Acts of 1984).

The Council brings together local, State and federal resources to address issues in economic development; environmental protection; and regional resource management, which includes transportation, utilities, urban growth and development, housing, and public facilities and services. The Council, in 1979, was empowered to reevaluate the General Development Plan for Southern Maryland at least every four years, following the election of State and local officials (Chapter 36, Acts of 1979).

Annually, the Council submits its proposed work programs and operating budget for the next fiscal year to the Department of Economic and Employment Development.

The Council consists of thirty-seven members. Twenty-seven are voting members. They include the State senators and delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; the county commissioners from those counties; one member appointed by the Southern Maryland Municipal Association; and one member at large from each county. The ten nonvoting members represent each county planning commission and economic development commission; the Office of Planning; the Department of Economic and Employment Development; the Department of Housing and Community Development; and the Department of Natural Resources (Code 1957, Art. 20).

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND

Elwood L. Groves II, Chairperson

Allegany County members: Edward Athey; David Edgerley; Bernard Loar; Leontyne Peck; John Stotler; Karen Thayer.

Garrett County members: Elwood L. Groves II; Stephen Herman; Tom Jones; Spencer Schlossnagle; Richard Towers; one vacancy.

Washington County members: Leroy Burtner; William McLean, Sr.; Fred Papa; Steven Sager; Earl Smith; Barry Teach.

State Senators from Tri-County area: John J. Hafer; Donald F. Munson.